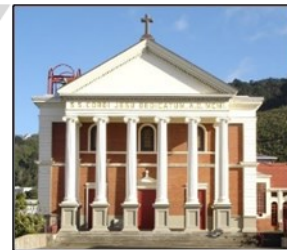




The Cathedral Connection



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URGENT CARE



This year's Season of Care for Creation, which began on 1 September, will conclude on Wednesday 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. For a number of reasons, Jorge Bergoglio took that name, becoming Pope Francis. As he said: "For me, he is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation; these days we do not have a very good relationship with creation, do we?"

Has that relationship improved in the last ten years? There are plenty of reasons to be pessimistic. Temperatures are clearly increasing across the planet, with devastating consequences in heatwaves, wildfires, and floods. I sometimes wonder whether the will is there to do anything about it. In this country, three weeks ago an opinion poll was reported. In summary, for many respondents it came to 'yeah, climate change is a thing, but if dealing with it means any changes in my lifestyle... forget it'. Faced with this, many of those aspiring to elected office seem unwilling to show leadership.

The Hebrew scriptures often speak of a garden, but the whole point is that the garden depends on people living in right relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth. In that tradition, John the Baptist did not mince his words. Look, you people, he says, you need a fundamental change - Metanoia ('repent' is a loose translation: it might be, do a 180 degree turn). You just cannot go on like this.

And yet, as Pope Francis said in *Laudato Si'*, there are positive examples of rivers and wetlands and forests being restored, of work on green energy, on improving public transport. Near to us there are the ecological treasures of Zealandia and Ōtari-Wilton. As the pope says, 'men and women are still capable of intervening positively. For all our limitations, gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love' (para. 58).

Francis has announced that on 4 October he will 'publish an Exhortation, a second *Laudato Si'*. Let us join our Christian brothers and sisters in the commitment to care for Creation as a sacred gift from the Creator. It is necessary to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, striving to put an end to the senseless war on our common home, which is a terrible world war. I urge all of you to work and pray for it to abound with life once again'. This Exhortation will be worth waiting for.



Jim McAloon

Readings for the Week

Sunday 1st - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Monday 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5,10

Tuesday 3rd - Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday 4th - Saint Francis of Assisi Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday 5th - Saint Faustina Kowalska, Religious Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 10:1-12

Friday 6th - Saint Bruno, Priest Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday 7th - Our Lady of the Rosary Baruch 4:5-12,27-29; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday 8th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

OUR MISSION & VISION

To joyfully share God's love. To be a missionary people united in the hearts of Jesus and Mary



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART

'Conversion, changing the heart, is a process that purifies us from moral encrustations. And at times it is a painful process, because there is no path of holiness without some sacrifice and without a spiritual battle. Today's Gospel passage calls into question the way of living a Christian life, which is not made up of dreams and beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, in order to always open ourselves to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters.'



Pope Francis, [Angelus](#), 27 September 2020

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish is a partner in the Wellington Central Pastoral Area with St. Mary of the Angels (CBD), and the Catholic Parish of Otari (Wilton and Karori)

YOUR PARISH NOTICES AND EVENTS



New to this parish? Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome

If you would like to become a member of our parish or know more about us, please complete the form at: <https://mcshwellington.org/join-the-parish/> or contact the parish office ph. 496 1700. We look forward to welcoming you.



Divine Mercy Devotions - Sunday 6pm-6:30pm in Connolly Hall Chapel. All welcome.

Rosary - Every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 11.30am in Connolly Hall Chapel, all welcome.

Scripture Reflection - Every Tuesday from 5pm-5.45pm there is an opportunity to be nourished by the Word of God, coming together in an online Zoom gathering. All are welcome <https://tinyurl.com/3xhax96d> Meeting ID: 848 2624 7342 Passcode: 404496

Sacred Heart Cathedral Prayer Group - We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in Connolly Hall Chapel from 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

is available every Thursday at the Connolly Hall Chapel from 7am until 7pm. Everyone is welcome to make a visit during these hours. Many people have expressed gratitude for this haven of peace in their day.



Anointing Mass: The Mass on every **Second Saturday of the month** will be an Anointing Mass. (8.30am in the Connolly Hall Chapel). All are welcome to participate and be blessed and healed by the Lord.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

This Feast is celebrated this coming Saturday 7th October. There will be a rosary in our Connolly Hall Chapel on that day followed by the 8.30am Mass. In addition, there is a rosary every week on Monday in Connolly Hall at 11.30 am. All are welcome



Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

Celebration Sunday, 1 October 2023, is celebrated in parishes and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand this weekend. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality, and good works of Venerable Mere Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. The theme of **'United in compassionate love - Kua kotahi i roto te Pūaroa'**, has been chosen for this year's Celebration Sunday. While we wait and pray for Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

This year the sisters of Compassion highlight the 100-Year Anniversary of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert setting up a Nurses Training School at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. In doing so, they highlight Mere Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert's great love and care of Māori and all people, especially the most vulnerable and those on the peripheries of society. Mere Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert gathered people into her arms and homes and loved them. She loved them back to health and into life, she accompanied them and saw Christ in each one.

This Sunday, let us be encouraged by her example as we pray for courage to act as she did. To sit by the bedside of the infirm and dying, to include in our lives and families those who need our love, and to celebrate each person for who they are. As we celebrate her good works and life today, we hold in our own hearts her words **'Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all'**. The Sisters of Compassion thank you for your support and prayer. Kia whakapaingia koutou e Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday



SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24).

Throughout September, Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the Season of Creation as a moment for "ecological conversion". So, let us accept his invitation, and find ways to lift up the season's theme in our personal and communal prayers.

Follow this link to see resources and details of all the events happening around the Archdiocese:

[Season of Creation 2023 | Archdiocese of Wellington \(catholic.org.nz\)](https://www.catholic.org.nz/season-of-creation-2023)

Saturday 30 September: "Together – Gathering of the People of God"

An ecumenical prayer vigil organised by Taizé will take place in Rome in the presence of Pope Francis and representatives of different Churches, to unite in praise and silence, in listening to the Word. More information at <https://together2023.net/>



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

Donations for Sacred Heart Cathedral Strengthening and Restoration Campaign can be made to this bank account number: **02-0506-0138488-025**

Particulars: Your surname and initials . **Code:** Your phone number. **Reference:** REOPEN

Credit Card Donations can be made here: <https://www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz/donation-form>



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Current of Grace Wellington

Not so long to go now to the Current of Grace Wellington event: "I am moving over the nations, will you follow me?" on Saturday 7 October 2023 at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria, between 10am and 3:30pm.

Speaker; Josie Olsen. Healing service led by Fr John Rea SM.

Bring lunch to share. Everybody welcome. Refer to poster on the noticeboard for more details.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email: currentofgracewellington@gmail.com

Liturgy Workshop: Advent – *History... Sounds and images... Relevance to today's world...*

This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved in organising your parish's celebration of Advent and anyone just wanting to learn more about this important season of the Church.

Where: St Bernardette's Hall, 190 Naenae Rd, Naenae

When: Saturday 28th October, 10am to 12pm, Tea and Coffee from 9.30am

Register: Contact Chris Walkerdine by Wednesday 25th.

Email: c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz Phone: 04 496 1706

Support Life Sunday 2023 – A Consistent Ethic of Life

Support Life Sunday is on 7-8 October.

The Bishops' chosen focus is **The Consistent Ethic of Life**. The bishops are revising their 1997 statement *Te Kahu o Te Ora – the 'Garment of Life'*. This statement explores the application of what is a uniquely Catholic ethical framework to contemporary moral issues. www.catholic.org.nz/resources/sls2023/



Sacred Heart Metropolitan Cathedral, the spiritual home for many Catholics in New Zealand, has been closed for earthquake strengthening and restoration for over five years.

The restoration budget was approximately \$14 million to complete the project. We have a shortfall of approximately \$1.8 million.

There are a number of fundraising initiatives in place and we ask for your support at a level that suits you. Here's one:

The Sacred Heart Cathedral RESTORATION CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PRIZES:

1st, 2nd & 3rd each **\$1,000 New World Gift Card**

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th each **\$500 New World Gift Card**

Ticket Price: \$5 per ticket | 3 for \$10 | a book of 8 for \$20

TO BUY TICKETS:

email bobhouston@xtra.co.nz

Tell us your requirements, we will forward you the pay-in account details and send your tickets to you.

To make a donation online: www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz

Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee



*Long Term Volunteer
Opportunities in the Australia-
Pacific Region - The Cagliari
Project, Salesians of Don Bosco*

*We are seeking long term (6-12
month) volunteers for departure
in January 2024 to work with
young people in our Salesian
communities in Samoa,
Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon
Islands and Australia.
Applications close October 31st,
2023. Send us an enquiry -
www.cagliari.org.au or
lhichaaba@salesians.org.au*

Preparing for Your Catholic Marriage



To prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, all couples are required to attend a marriage preparation programme. Our upcoming course, **"Love is a Decision"**, will take place on **5 and 12 November 2023**.

Please note the next course is not until March 2024.

For registration and details, please visit the Archdiocese of Wellington Marriage Ministry's website at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ or email us at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

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- Fr Joy Thottankara: **Assistant Priest**

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Frank Doherty

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DRS: John Grevatt

If you would like your child to attend Sacred Heart Cathedral School please download an enrolment form <https://sacred-heart.school.nz/enrolment/>

MASS TIMES

Weekdays

(Except Public Holidays)

All held in the Connolly Hall Chapel

12.10pm Monday (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)

8.00am Tuesday to Friday

12.10pm Tuesday to Friday

Saturday / Public Holiday

8.30am: Connolly Hall Chapel

5.30pm: (Vigil for Sunday)

St Thomas More, Wilton


Sunday

10.30am: St Thomas More, Wilton

7.00pm: Connolly Hall Chapel, Thorndon

Reconciliation: By appointment.

Baptism: by appointment. Please contact the Parish office.

 The latest edition of our parish school newsletter is available at <https://sacredhcs.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews?nid=238>



Nicholas & Thomas Dyne
(Graham & Rosaleen Taylor's grandsons)

Phil Hickey

Gabrielle McLeavey

Raquel Panganiban

June Swain

Wilijono Tanudjojo



Remembering the Dead

Anniversaries: October



Paul (Budgie) Jacobsen (4 Oct)

Sr Marcellin Wilson RSM (24 Oct)

For all the dead. Those near and dear to us and those who have no one to pray for them.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.



I SHOULD HAVE DONE MY HOMEWORK... I'LL DO IT NOW.



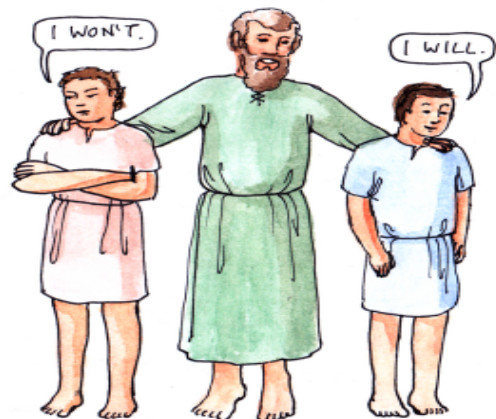
Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1st, 2023

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard. Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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